

III. REMARKS

Response to Amendment

As stated in Applicant's Response to Office Action dated November 14, 2005, Applicant believes the figures do comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). For example, Figures 6 and 7 illustrate a target segment being moved while the root segment is in a "fixed" storage location. See Applicant's Response to Office Action dated November 14, 2005 for further discussion. In the present response, Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 20; these are the claims Applicant believes contain the term "contiguous." Thus, these claims are no longer in issue.

Applicant submits that its Response to Office Action was fully responsive and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.111. Applicant fully responded in sufficient detail to all claim rejections and drawing objections. With regard to the drawing objections, Applicant responded in detail why the drawing amendments were not believed to be necessary. In view of this detailed response, it is not proper for the Examiner to take the position that Applicant's Response to Office Action is not fully responsive just because Applicant did not agree with the Examiner's objections. Nonetheless, as stated above, Applicant has now cancelled those claims that it believes contain the word "contiguous."

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner states that the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed June 6, 2006 [sic] failed to comply because there were not legible copies of the cited references provided. Therefore, Applicant respectfully encloses clean and legible copies of the cited references, including non-patent literature, cited in the June 6, 2005 IDS. Applicant also resubmits PTO Form 8B, and requests that the Examiner initial it to reflect that these references have been considered.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the claim amendments and remarks set forth herein, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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